

REMARKS

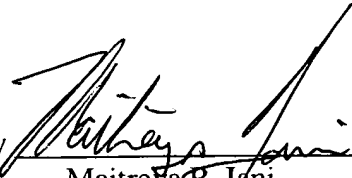
Claims 1-2 and 4-5 have been canceled; Independent Claim 3 and Claims 6-11, which depend from independent Claim 3, have been allowed; and, new Claims 12-22 have been added.

The Applicant states that Claims 3 and 6-11 have not been amended and respectfully submit that they are still in condition for allowance. The Applicant also submits that no new matter is recited in new Claims 12-22 and that new Claims 12-22 recite subject matter that has been indicated as allowable in Claims 3 and 6-11. Applicant submits that new Claims 12-22 are in condition for allowance and, therefore, respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance for Claims 3, and 6-22.

If the Examiner finds that there any outstanding issues that may be resolved by a telephonic interview, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below listed number.

A check in the amount of \$790.00 to cover the fees for filing a Request for Continued Examination is enclosed. The Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 23-0920 to cover any shortage of fees and requested to credit said charge account in the event that there is any overpayment.

Respectfully submitted,
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